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GARY McKEIGAN & JOANN BOURQUE NAMED CONCORDIA'S ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Gary McKeigan and Joann Bourque captured top honours tonight at the Sixth Annual Concordia Athletic Awards Night.

McKeigan, a second year forward on the men's varsity Basketball team received the Gill Award for the male "Athlete of the Year". Gary came into his own this season as he led the Stingers in rebounding and scoring, leading Doug Daigneault's cagers to their second consecutive Quebec University Athletic Association title. The Fine Arts major was league All-Star and scored 61 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Concordia finished third in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union. The native of Brantford, Ontario was named the team's Most Improved Player last season and Most Valuable Player this year, in addition he was voted Most Valuable Player at the York Tournament in November.

Joann Bourque, a third year Bio-Physical Education major, had an outstanding season for coach Mike Hickey's female cagers. The 5'9 forward from New Bedford, Massachusetts was selected to the C.I.A.U. All-Canadian team as she led the Stingers to a fifth place finish in the Nationals. The Q.U.A.A. leading scorer and rebounder was also selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Concordia Classic Invitational Tournament and "Player of the Month" for November by the Starting Line Up.

Football rookie, Les Pyke was named "Freshman Male Athlete of the year". The 6'2 defensive lineman had a sensational season as he started every game for coach Rochette. Corinne Corcoran was selected as the "Freshman Female Athlete of the Year". The former John Abbott College standout was phenomenal this year as she led the women's ice hockey team to an undefeated season in the Quebec Women's Intercollegiate Hockey League. Corinne was the leading scorer with 14 goals and 24 assists in league play and an overall mark of 46 goals and 45 assists in 37 games.

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Gay Owens received the Women's Athletic Shield. Gay, a five year veteran of the women's basketball team was named to the league All-Star team three times and twice led Concordia to appearances in the C.I.A.U. National championships. Throughout her tenure, Owens displayed a willingness to aid both the basketball program and the athletic department.

The "Sportsmanship Award" presented to the graduating athlete who displayed true qualities of sportsmanship was given to Rich Hagens, a varsity basketball player. Hagens, co-captain and four year veteran, won several team awards during that period and was described by Coach Daigneault as "a true team player who always represented Concordia in the finest manner."

The "Director of Athletics' Shield", presented to a student for outstanding contributions to the athletic program was given to Randy Borbely. Randy, a former varsity hockey player has headed the student intramural committee for the past two years.

Other "Most Valuable Player" awards for teams went to Costas Karkatsanis (men's soccer), Beth Egan (women's field hockey), Chris Enos (women's soccer) Joanne Crevier (women's volleyball), Dave Nixon (J.V. Hockey), Mike Walker (varsity hockey), Corinne Corcoran (women's hockey), Gerry Prud'homme (offensive player of the year), John Outridge (defensive player of the year), and Joann Bourque (women's basketball).

A complete list of award winners is attached.

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